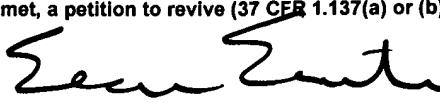


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<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER NTP 05-1-1
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/CN2003/000648	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE August 8, 2003	U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) 10/523,953
TITLE OF INVENTION    METHOD FOR COMPARING GENE EXPRESSION LEVEL		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US    Guohua Zhou		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
<p>1. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>3. <input type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371 (f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.</p> <p>4. <input type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).</p> <p>5. <input type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</li> </ul> </p> <p>6. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> </ul> </p> <p>7. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</li> <li>d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li> </ul> </p> <p>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</p> <p>9. <input type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</p> <p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</p>		
Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:		
<p>11. <input type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</p> <p>12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</p> <p>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the preliminary amendment previously filed on September 29, 2005.</p> <p>14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.</p> <p>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</p> <p>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</p> <p>17. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.</p> <p>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: a copy of the Request for Correction to Spelling Error previously filed on September 29, 2005.</p>		

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.414 and 1.491-1.492. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public, which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 15 minutes to complete, including gathering information, preparing, and submitting the completed form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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The following fees have been submitted				CALCULATIONS	PTO USE ONLY
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22. <input type="checkbox"/> Examination fee If International preliminary examination report prepared by USPTO and all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) ..... \$100.00 All other situations ..... \$200.00				\$0.00	
23. <input type="checkbox"/> Search fee Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority ..... \$100.00 International Search Report prepared and provided to the Office ..... \$400.00 All other situations ..... \$500.00				\$0.00	
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**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF DEFECTIVE RESPONSE**

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Transmitted herewith for filing is the United States patent application of:

International Application No.: PCT/CN2003/000648  
International Filing Date: August 8, 2003  
Priority Date: August 9, 2002  
Published Application No.: WO 2004/015137  
Inventor: Guohua Zhou

Title: **METHOD FOR COMPARING GENE EXPRESSION LEVEL**

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**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.10**

I hereby certify that this Transmittal Letter to the United States Designated/Elected Office Concerning a Submission Under 35 U.S.C. 371 and related documents referred to as enclosed therein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on this date, June 16, 2006, in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee", Mailing Label N<sup>o</sup> EV 764 985 165 US, with sufficient postage, addressed to: MS PCT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

  
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Penny L. Bartholomew

Dated: June 16, 2006

Applicant hereby responds to the Notification of Defective Response Dated May 18, 2006 as follows:

1. *A Transmittal Letter to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) Concerning a Submission Under 35 U.S.C. 371.*

2. A copy of the *Preliminary Amendment* previously filed on September 29, 2005, which contains a statement on page 3 that the content of the sequence listing information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing and includes no new matter.
3. A substitute computer readable form copy of the "Sequence Listing".

Applicant hereby states that the submission, filed in accordance with 37 CFR 1.821(g), herein does not include new matter.

Applicant hereby states that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written (on paper) sequence listing.

4. A copy of the *Request for Correction to Spelling Error* previously filed on September 29, 2005, which provides the correct spelling for the Applicant's name.
5. A copy of the *Notification of Defective Response Dated May 18, 2006*.

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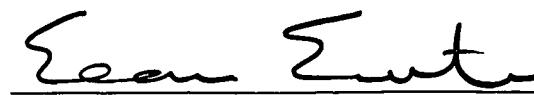
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**NOTIFICATION OF DEFECTIVE RESPONSE**

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495)

- Indication of Small Entity Status
- Priority Document
- Copy of the International Application filed on 02/08/2005
- English Translation of the IA filed on 09/29/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 02/08/2005
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 09/29/2005
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 02/08/2005
- Biochemical Sequence Diskette filed on 09/29/2005
- Oath or Declaration filed on 02/08/2005
- Biochemical Sequence Listing filed on 09/29/2005
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 02/08/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 02/08/2005
- Assignment filed on 02/08/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 02/08/2005
- Power of Attorney filed on 02/08/2005

Applicant's response filed 09/29/2005 is hereby acknowledged. The following requirements set forth in the NOTIFICATION of MISSING REQUIREMENTS mailed 08/26/2005 have not been completed.

- This application does not contain a statement that the content of the sequence listing information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written (on paper or compact disc) sequence listing and, where applicable, includes no new matter, as required by 37 CFR 1.821(e), 1.821(f), 1.821(g), 1.825(b), or 1.825(d). Applicant must provide such statement. If the effective filing date is on or after September 8, 2000, see the final rulemaking notice published in the Federal Register at 65 FR 54604 (September 8, 2000) and 1238 OG 145 (September 19, 2000).
- A copy of the "Sequence Listing" in computer readable form has been submitted. However, the content of the computer readable form does not comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.822 and/or 1.823, as indicated on the attached copy of the marked -up "Raw Sequence Listing." Applicant must provide a substitute computer readable form (CRF) copy of the "Sequence Listing" and a statement that the content

of the sequence listing information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written (on paper or compact disc) sequence listing and, where applicable, includes no new matter, as required by 37 CFR 1.821(e), 1.821(f), 1.821(g), 1.825(b), or 1.825(d).

**Applicant is required to complete the response within a time limit of ONE MONTH from the date of this Notification or within the time remaining in the response set forth in the Notification of Missing Requirements, whichever is the longer. No extension of this time limit may be granted under 37 CFR 1.136, but the period for response set in the Notification of Missing Requirements may be extended under 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

Applicant is cautioned that correction of the above items may cause the specification and drawings page count to exceed 100 pages. If the specification and drawings exceed 100 pages, applicant will need to submit the required application size fee.

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Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

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**RAW SEQUENCE LISTING  
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U.S. Appl. No. : 10/523,953  
International Appl. No. : PCT/CN03/00648  
I.A. Filing Date : August 8, 2003  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.10**

I hereby certify that this Preliminary Amendment and the documents referred to as enclosed therein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on this date, September 29, 2005 in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee", Mailing Label No. EV 793 379 786 US addressed to: MS PCT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Penny L. Flint  
Penny L. Flint

Date: September 29, 2005

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendment to the Specification** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including the **SEQUENCE LISTING** is attached following page 3 of this paper.

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**Amendment to the Specification:**

Please insert the attached SEQUENCE LISTING at the end of the application.

Attachment:            **SEQUENCE LISTING**

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**Remarks/Arguments**

**Sequence Listing**

A paper copy and a computer readable form (CRF) copy of the "Sequence Listing" have been attached to this Preliminary Amendment. Entry of the "Sequence Listing" is respectfully requested.

Applicant hereby states that the submission, filed in accordance with 37 CFR 1.821(g), herein does not include new matter.

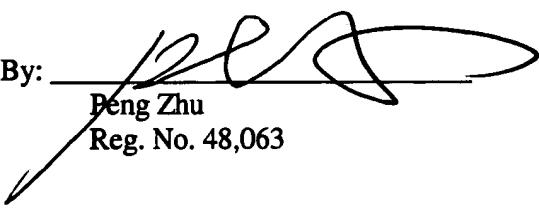
Applicant hereby states that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written (on paper) sequence listing.

**CONCLUSION**

In light of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in the case.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of  
ZHOU, GUOHUA,

Dated: September 29, 2005

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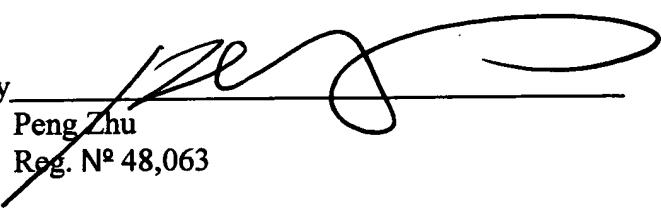
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